(b) Government of India, Department of Family Welfare has various schemes to bring down the Infant Mortality Rate. The recent initiative, Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme launching in 1997, is under implementation in all States. Under this, immunisation against six vaccine preventable diseases, facilities for appropriate management of acute respiratory infections, Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) for management of diarrhoeal diseases and essential new born care services are provided. Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices and prophylaxis againt Vitamin-A and iron deficiencies are also provided to improve the nutritional status of children. The Department of Women and Child Development has been implementing National Programmes like Integrated Child Development Services, which looks after the nutritional requirements of children.

Stock of Anti-venom and Anti-rabies serum

3938. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present stock of anti-venom serum for snake-bite and anti-rabies serum is not adequate to meet the requirement in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to produce indigenously or to import both the serums to keep the stock intact; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) There is sufficient stock of anti-venom serum for snake-bite and anti-rabies serum to meet the requirement in the country. These sera are indigenously produced in public as well as private sector in the country.

NPCB in Andhra Pradesh

3939. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of National Programme for Control of Blindness in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) how effectively it has been implemented in the State during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE : (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) and (b) National Programme for Control of Blindness is being implemented effectively in Andhra Pradesh. Performance of Cataract Operations has been steadily increasing during the last three years as indicated below :

Year	Achievement of Cataract Operations
2000-2001	358799
2001-2002	371949
2002-2003	409913 (Provisional)

District-wise details of Cataract Operations performed during the last three years are given in the annexed Statement.

Statement

National Programme for Control of Blindness
Status of Cataract Performance in Andhra Pradesh

District	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
1	2	3	4
Srikakulam	7587	11920	11111
Vizianagaram	7486	9263	10592
Vishakhapatnam	23893	31983	29384
East Godavari	25906	27041	30324
West Godavari	27267	22419	18325
Krishna	17414	20543	23012
Guntur	14436	15470	21545
Prakasam	14400	15978	19430
Nellore	9203	12979	14746
Chittor	13920	14589	13535

1	2	3	4
Cuddapah	11980	10479	11962
Ananthapur	13198	13034	26321
Kurnool	12698	14613	15312
Mahboobnagar	12084	8268	12550
Ranga reddy	24782	12276	10704
Hyderabad	52473	40544	37814
Medak	9071	11853	16161
Nizamabad	12938	16287	11183
Adilabad	4591	8318	14697
Karimnagar	10050	10360	12227
Warangal	4924	14160	15049
Khammam	14449	14419	19628
Nalgonda	14049	15153	14301
TOTAL	358799	371949	409913

World Bank assistance under R&CH Programme

3940. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank has provided financial assistance under Reproductive and Child Health Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether population growth has been brought under control on account of this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has provided external assistance of Rs. 800.59 crores till 31.3.2003 for